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SUBJ: JAPANESE EXIMBANK CREDITS TO CUBA

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1. ECOUNS CALLED ON TAKASHIMA, ACTING DIRECTOR OF FIRST OVERSEAS MARKET DIV OF MITI, AND ISHIKAWA, ACTING HEAD OF SECOND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA DIV OF FONOFF JUNE 15 TO DISCUSS JAPANESE EXIMBANK CREDITS TO CUBA. DRAWING ON CONTENTS REFTEL A AND PRESIDENT' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT, ECOUNS EXPLAINED THAT U. S. CONTINUED TO SUPPORT 1967 OAS RESOLUTION, AND GAVE REASONS WHY U. S. CUBAN POLICY HAD NOT CHANGED. ECOUNS THEN THANKED BOTH FOR GOJ' S POLICY OF NOT GRANTING EXIMBANK CREDITS TO CUBA AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS POLICY WOULD CONTINUE.

2. TAKASHIMA, AFTER ASKING SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT SIGNS OF CHANGES IN U. S. CUBAN POLICY (SUCH AS HIJACK-ING AGREEMENT), TOOK NOTE OF US POSITION AND SAID HE WOULD PASS CONTENTS TO HIGHER LEVELS IN MITI.
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3. ISHIKAWA WAS SOMEWHAT MORE POSITIVE. HE NOTED THAT FONOFF HAD OPPOSED EXTENSION OF EXIM CREDITS IN PAST, AND HAD NOT CHANGED THIS POSITION. HOWEVER HE CITED CONTINUING HEAVY PRESSURE FROM BUSINESS, DIET, AND CUBAN GOVERNMENT FOR EXTENSION OF CREDITS. ADDED THAT SEVEN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAD REESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH CUBA, AND COMMITTEE OF OAS HAD BEEN ORGANIZED TO REEXAMINE CUBAN POLICY.

4. IN VIEW OF WHAT HE TERMED HEAVY PRESSURE ON FONOFF AND SIGNS OF CHANGES IN OAS POLICY, ISHIKAWA ASKED USG TO INFORM GOJ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF AND WHEN US DECIDED TO ALTER ITS CUBAN POLICY.
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